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Isn't it ironic?
(Verbal, Situational, and Dramatic Irony)

VERBAL IRONY: Sarcasm

Ex. Sam arrives late to Betty's party, is extremely rude to her, and embarrasses her in front of her friends before storming out the door. As he leaves, Betty turns to her friend and says of Sam, "Gee, what a lovely fellow. I wish he'd stayed longer."

SITUATIONAL IRONY: A contrast between what is expected and what actually occurs

Ex. A whole team of firefighters goes to give a lecture on fire prevention and safety. While they are out, the fire station burns down because one of the firemen left a lit candle going.

DRAMATIC IRONY: The reader knows something that the character(s) does not know.

Ex. From the moment the play begins, the audience knows Romeo and Juliet are going to die, but Romeo and Juliet have no idea.

Irony in "Lamb to the Slaughter"

Situational Irony:

Dramatic Irony:

